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Repairs to the Cannanore-Azhikode-Azhikkal road.

* 194 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Cannanore-Azhikode-Azhikkal road was repaired last; and

(*b*) the expenditure incurred on repairing the same?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The road was last repaired in 1953–54 at a cost of Rs. 7,749. The maintenance repairs to the road for the current year have been taken up."

Law College, Madras.

* 195 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent for the library of the Law College, Madras, in 1953–54 and the amount of library fees realized in that year ; and

(*b*) the income realized from fees in the college for the year 1953–54 and the total expenditure on the college for that year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) (i) A sum of Rs. 5,010 was expended for the College library in 1953–54 towards purchase of books and periodicals.

(ii) A sum of Rs. 2,834 was collected by way of library fees otherwise called reading room fees at Rs. 2 per student.

" (*b*) (i) Total fees collected amounted to Rs. 2,63,713 for the year.

(ii) Total expenditure incurred for the year towards salaries, rates and taxes, scholarships, library, games and sports and office contingencies amounted to Rs. 1,09,695."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, was any representation made by the College Union when the Hon. the Chief Minister and the Hon. Minister in charge of Finance visited the College, regarding the financial status of the College? Did they request the Hon. Ministers concerned in view of the huge profits made by the college which is the only college making any profit in the State of Madras, to start a hostel immediately with the profits so made for the past many years? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The House will be interested to know the new interest which the hon. Member, Sri Vinayakam has developed for the Law College because he is now a student of the Law College (laughter). But unfortunately he was not present when either the Hon. the Chief Minister or I visited the College. Anyhow, representations have been made with regard to putting up a hostel and the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

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11-30 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are still a large number of questions to be answered and we have got only 30 minutes more."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, on a personal explanation."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member state what he wishes to say ' by way of personal explanation '."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Did the students represent . . ." (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is no personal explanation. I pass on to the next question."

Nationalization of electricity undertakings.

* 196 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to take over under their management any private electricity undertakings during the current financial year and if so, how many; and

(*b*) whether the managements concerned have been informed of the probable date after which the Government will take them over?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No undertaking will be taken over in the current year under the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1954.

" (*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*a*)."

* 197 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals pending with the Government to take over any concerns under the provisions of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1954; and

(*b*) if so, which concerns?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have decided to acquire the undertaking of the Palghat electric licensee and a notice has been served on the licensee fixing the 1st April 1955 as the date on which the undertaking shall vest in the Government under the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1954. The question whether any other undertaking should be acquired in the near future under the above Act is under examination."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any private electricity undertaking in South Kanara district will be taken over by the Government in the near future?"